First and last concert at Bellapais Abbey in the Year of Corona 2020
President Ersin Tatar stated that they intend to find a solution in the light of the realities existing in Cyprus.

Tatar attended the opening ceremony of the University of Girne Grand Library and the University of Girne Culture, Congress and Exhibition Center.

In his opening speech, Tatar also gave a message about 3rd December “International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD)” and emphasised that the TRNC is doing everything possible to overcome obstacles and make life easier, and will continue to do so.

Noting that they intend to find a solution on the Cyprus issue in the light of the facts existing in Cyprus, Tatar said “It is out of the question for us to be under the domination of others”.

Tatar continued: “We are in favour of a two-state solution based on sovereign equality in Cyprus with a new political understanding. I also expressed this to Mrs. Lute. Cyprus is not the old Cyprus, the Eastern Mediterranean is not the old Eastern Mediterranean. The negotiations that have been going on for 50 years on the basis of a federal solution are no longer meaningful.

We demand an agreement in which we will claim our own state on the basis of sovereign equality. Why is that? Because we have successes, we have achieved things as a people, we have our investments and we have our youth. We do not want to be prevented by isolation and restrictions.”

We will continue to work for our country. Addressing the United Nations, world states, the European Union and Greek Cypriot side, Tatar said, “We are one of the two communities in Cyprus. It is our most natural right to claim our own state.”

Source: TRNC Public Information Office
Regarding entry to the TRNC, countries that were previously classified as A, B, C groups according to risk categories, will be evaluated as a single category as of 1st December 2020.

Accordingly, those who will enter the TRNC from abroad will be subject to quarantine for 7 days, provided that they submit a negative PCR test result done in the last 3 days, and PCR tests will be done at the end of the quarantine.

The Ministry of Health stated that it had been decided to implement some additional cautionary measures by the Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee which convened under the Contagious Diseases Law.

According to the Ministry's statement, it was decided to extend the quarantine decisions until 31st December 2020 at 23:59.

Those who want to come to the TRNC for 3 days or less (except from Greek Cypriot side) will be able to enter the country if they submit a negative PCR test result made in the last three days and submitting their return tickets. These people will be able to stay in the country without quarantine for 3 days if the second PCR test is done on entry and the result is negative. For stays longer than three days, a 7-day central quarantine will be applied.

Other decisions taken are as follows:

"Routine PCR tests will be carried out between 28th November and 6th December for the people (and their parents) who reside in North Cyprus and work or study in the Greek Cypriot side.

These people must apply to the Pandemic Hospital by filling out the form which is attached to the document they will receive from the institution where they work or study in the Greek Cypriot side from 28th November until 6th December 2020.

The aforementioned persons will be able to apply and register here between 08.00 and 20.00, including the weekend from 28th November to 6th December (including both dates) and PCR test can be done.

People residing in the TRNC, working and studying in the Greek Cypriot side, will be able to go to the Greek Cypriot side for one day by submitting the negative PCR results done within the last ten days as of 7th December.

People who live in the Greek Cypriot side and work in the TRNC will be able to enter the TRNC for a day without quarantine by submitting the negative PCR results done within the last ten days as of 7th December, provided that they submit the document they will receive from the institution where they work.

Those who will make daily crossings to the Greek Cypriot side for health, education and work purposes will be able to pass without quarantine if they provide the document to the staff at the border gates. Apart from this, people who want to pass to the Greek Cypriot side will be subject to quarantine for 7 days on their return.

Those who will make a day-to-day transition from Greek Cypriot side to the TRNC will be exempt from quarantine, provided that they submit the negative PCR test results done within the last 24 hours to the staff at the border gates. If they request to stay in the TRNC for more than a day, they will be subject to quarantine for 7 days.

Taxi drivers living in the TRNC and going to the Greek Cypriot side will be subject to quarantine for 7 days on their return if they pass for another purpose other than passenger transportation.

Those who are in regular trade and/or business relations in South Cyprus and who do business within the scope of the Green Line Regulation will be able to enter and exit without quarantine for a day if they provide the document to the staff at the border gates. Those who will trade within the specified scope will be exempt from quarantine practices only if they pass within the working hours of their work.

Employees who will pass through the Yeşilirmak border gate will be able to pass provided that they submit the negative PCR test result within the last 3 days. In addition, the PCR test result will not be requested from the personnel on duty in ambulances that pass through the Yeşilirmak border gate”.

The decision to bring people staying on the island for a maximum of 3 days by charter flight will begin to be implemented on 4th December.

Regarding the decision taken by the Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee of the Ministry of Health concerning those people who will stay on the island for a maximum of 3 days, bringing these people to the TRNC only by charter flight in order to prevent suffering to those who had previously made travel plans it was announced that the implementation will start on 4th December.

In a written statement made by the Ministry, it was stated that some people who came with the intention of staying for 3 days exceeded the period and violated this rule, and it was also stated that not only health checks but also their departure from the country by not exceeding the duration is of great importance for public health.

The statement also included the following:

“The Ministry of Health takes decisions by continuing to consider economic conditions, but prioritises the health of the people.

In order not to lose the point reached during the pandemic process in our country, we need the support of all institutions. Therefore, the Ministry of Health will consult with the relevant institutions and organisations on Monday (30/11/20) in order to identify the persons who have violated the rules and initiate the necessary legal proceedings.”

Source: TRNC Public Information Office
Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü message on World Disability Day

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü posted a message for the 3rd December World Disability Day. Güngördü emphasised in his message that it is necessary to create an easier and livable world for disabled citizens, to hold on to life by minimising difficulties, and to ensure that they can be as equal and free as people without disabilities.

Pointing out that people should approach each other with respect without forgetting the possibility of being a candidate for disability, Güngördü noted that mental and physical differences are not an obstacle to having a full life. Expressing that they started working for the Disabled Unit, the first member registration was made on 12th June 2020, Güngördü said that by registering the disabled people living in the city, they started to provide services for the disabled with a more institutionalised structure. He noted that they provided assistance to doctors and hospital needs, transportation support, milk and diaper assistance, clothing, school needs, courses and social activities, discounts on water bills and support for disabled people’s rights.

Güngördü pointed out that, with the establishment of the new Service Building which is suitable for the disabled, they started efforts to increase the contributions of the disabled in their social and educational activities, and on this occasion called on the disabled citizens living within the boundaries of the municipality to contact the Social Affairs Branch and register. He also noted that the Girne Municipality New Service Building is designed for the disabled, and underlined that there are counters and ramps suitable for the disabled and that this sets an example in terms of the suitability of public spaces for disabled citizens.

The Mayor stated that the Old Municipal Service Building has been transformed into a Social Life Center, which is planned to open at 11:00 on 18th December 2020, the building was designed so that disabled citizens can participate in courses and activities, and disabled individuals will be supported in social life and production.

Pointing out the importance of providing opportunities for disabled citizens to play a role in society, Güngördü said, “We must create equal opportunities for them. I hope that the sensitivity towards our disabled citizens will increase, I embrace all our disabled citizens and their families with love and offer my respect.”

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality

Nobody has the right to question Turkey NATO membership

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu attended the video conference of the 6th Mediterranean Dialogue Forum organised by Italy’s Foreign Ministry and the Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) and said that nobody has the right to question the membership of Turkey to NATO.

Çavuşoğlu said that despite the objections of Turkey, the Greek Cypriot side has been trying to impose its unilateral and maximalist agenda since 2003 hence Turkey’s primary concern is to protect its rights along with those of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Çavuşoğlu pointed out that they thought that the hydrocarbon resources found in Cyprus would be motivation for cooperation, however, some countries behaved in an opposite way. Greeks and Greek Cypriots created the EastMed Forum and excluded Turkey which has the longest coastline in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Underlining that Turkey repeatedly called for dialogue and offered equal income share Çavuşoğlu said ‘Turkey has suspended the seismic research activities of research vessel Oruç Reis in the region on two occasions to give a chance to diplomacy.’

Noting that at least two EU Member Countries unfairly back Greeks to abuse the EU System, Çavuşoğlu reiterated Ankara’s proposal to hold an Eastern Mediterranean conference to resolve the ongoing conflict. Saying that Turkey’s door remains wide open for dialogue, Çavuşoğlu said, ‘There is a way out.’

Source: TRNC Public Information Office
President Ersin Tatar stated that the Turkish Cypriot youth suffered gross injustice due to the sports embargo.

In his speech at a reception yesterday (30th November), President Tatar emphasised that it is against human rights that the Turkish Cypriot youth cannot participate in events in the international sports community.

Stating that the top teams of the TRNC cannot even play a football match with Turkish sports clubs, due to the vetoes and obstacles of the Greek Cypriot side, FIFA and other institutions and organisations, Tatar indicated that it is unfair and they would continue to show a reaction in these circumstances.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

5+1 Conference, Turkish Cypriots will not negotiate a federation

President Tatar had his first meeting with the United Nations Secretary General’s temporary envoy Jane Holl Lute yesterday (1/12/2020) and conveyed to her that although the Turkish Cypriot side will attend a 5+1 conference they will not negotiate a federation.

In his statement to the press, Tatar stated that Lute made contacts to see whether there was a ground for a "5+1 conference" or not.

Tatar stressed that the proposal for an informal “5+1” meeting which will be attended by the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot side with guarantor powers Turkey, Greece, and Britain as well as the United Nations is essential in terms of expression of the new realities of Cyprus and to gain a new ground in the negotiation process.

Indicating that the "5+1" conference should definitely be convened, Tatar stated that the views which were discussed in the meeting on 1st December, the conference will provide the opportunity to express the views there as well. Stating that the realities and conjuncture of Cyprus have changed, Tatar said, "The conjuncture now reveals two-state models based on sovereign equality in Cyprus". Tatar also added that he conveyed to Lute that he supports a fair and permanent solution that would benefit all Cypriots, and a win-win situation could arise.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Karayel: ‘We reject the decision of EP on Maraş’

Ismail Emrah Karayel, Co-Chair of the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) and Kayseri MP of AK Party stated that they reject the decision of the European Parliament on Maraş.

Karayel made a speech in the Turkish Grand National Assembly and said that with the decision on Maraş, the European Parliament ignored the Turkish Cypriot people, and continued to accuse Turkey unjustly. Noting that the closed city of Maraş belongs to the TRNC and Greek Cypriots have no authority there, Karayel stressed that the issue is not something for the Greek Cypriot Administration to abuse for their political purposes. The European Union did not keep their word to Turkish Cypriots and repeatedly took decisions which have been against Turkish Cypriots.

Karayel underlined that European Parliament should stop their biased attitude and encourage the Greek Cypriot Administration to stop ignoring Turkish Cypriots and their rights. Karayel said ‘No one can stop us from pursuing the rights and interests of Turkish Cypriots in the Eastern Mediterranean.’

Source: TRNC Public Information Office
President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Ersin Tatar gave an interview to the Greek Cypriot newspaper Kathimerini. President Tatar said ‘we think that an agreement based on sovereign equality, a two-state solution which will solve the problems of two states and will give the opportunity to share the wealth and prosperity will be in favour of all people in Cyprus and we will bring that to the negotiation table.’ Tatar underlined that they do not want to lose time with negotiating a federation for 40 more years, and stated ‘we are in favour of evaluating anything legitimate, which does not break the tie between Turkey and Turkish Cypriots, values the sovereign equality and will not collapse the socio-economic structure by the property arrangements’.

The Turkish Cypriot President also pointed out that the Turkish Cypriot side proposed cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean however, the Greek Cypriot side’s attitude is unacceptable which is ‘We do what we want and if you want anything you have to exclude Turkey’. President Tatar also pointed out that the steps will be put forward regarding Maraş in line with the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR).

Spokesperson of the Turkish Foreign Ministry Hami Aksoy in response to a question regarding the European Parliament’s resolution adopted at the Plenary Session on the Cyprus Issue and Closed City of Maraş said: ‘We totally reject the non-binding recommendatory resolution adopted by the European Parliament (EP) at the Plenary Session on 26 November 2020 regarding Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

We fully support the statement made by the TRNC Presidency on this issue.

The resolution, which was undoubtedly dictated by the Greek Cypriot Administration, revealed once again the extent the EP is prejudiced and disconnected from the realities on the Cyprus issue. If this approach and mentality are maintained, it would not be possible for the EU bodies to make a constructive contribution to the settlement of the Cyprus issue.

Taking hostage of the Turkey-EU relations by the Cyprus issue serves neither the EU’s general interests, nor the settlement of the Cyprus issue, nor the improvement of neighbourly relations.

We invite the EP and the EU to face the realities on the island of Cyprus, to take into account the existence of the Turkish Cypriot people and to fulfil the commitments made by the EU to the Turkish Cypriots in April 2004. Turkey will continue to resolutely protect both her own rights and those of the Turkish Cypriots, without bowing to any threat and blackmail, and maintain her dialogue and negotiation efforts.’

The United Nations Secretary General’s temporary envoy Jane Holl Lute is set to hold a variety of contacts in Cyprus.

Today (30th November) Lute is scheduled to meet with UN Secretary-General’s Special Representative in Cyprus Elizabeth Spehar and on 1st December will meet separately with the President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Ersin Tatar and Greek Cypriot Leader Anastasiades.
By Kate Cornwell ...

After that awful day Friday 20th November, when tornadoes hit our island and devastated many homes from Catalkoy to Kayalar, little did I know that it had destroyed much of the Lapta International cemetery.

A friend phoned me the following Friday to say that she had gone up to look at her villa, to see if there were any problems due to that Friday. She found my husband’s plaque that had been on the cross at the head of his grave, near someone’s villa pool! Shocked she decided to have a quick check of the graveyard to find the place destroyed.

I went to see for myself the following day, early morning and just walked around with my mouth open and with tears in my ears – dear god what a mess. The gates into the cemetery had been blown off and were lying on the floor, graves damaged extensively, the shelter area where funerals are conducted, is completely destroyed, and several trees decimated. The place looked as if had been in a warzone!

The Foreign Residents in the TRNC (TFR) wrote to their members the following:

Dear members of TFR!

Our Head of the Cemetery Sub-Committee, Tommy Rognmo, has this information for you:

“Lapta International Cemetery

On Friday last week our island was devastated in many areas by extreme weather. Many public areas were affected and many residents suffered severe damage to their homes.

Here in Lapta the International Cemetery was hit by a tornado, the sheltered area where funerals are conducted was completely destroyed, several established trees were decimated, the gates left hanging from their hinges and a large portion of the fence destroyed, but worst of all there was damage to many graves.

Lapta Municipality workers spent time on Saturday removing a lot of debris from the cemetery. Members of the TFR Cemetery Sub-Committee spent time on Monday with the aid of a ground plan and identified all the graves that are in need of repair.

There is still a lot of work to be done to restore the cemetery. TFR Cemetery Sub-Committee has decided to build a new pergola for the cemetery at a cost of 30,000 TL.

If you are a relative or friend of someone buried in the cemetery, please go and check or alternatively contact Tommy Rognmo on 0533 847 6908 or Sandy Oram on 0542 872 4291.

If anybody can help in any way it will be appreciated by all who have family and friends buried there.”

If anyone is interested in helping in any way, to try and restore this cemetery to some form of what was a beautiful, peaceful place, then PLEASE contact Tommy and/or Sandy.
PARVOVIRUS

Parvo is every new puppy and dog owner’s worst nightmare. In a matter of days, a perfectly healthy puppy can go from playful and active to fatally ill. Parvo in dogs is a preventable disease, however, all new puppy owners need to be aware of the risks of parvo, how to prevent it, and what to do if a puppy catches the parvovirus.

Parvo is a highly contagious virus. It causes an infectious gastrointestinal (GI) illness in puppies and young dogs, and without treatment, it is potentially deadly. Young dogs between six weeks and six months old, unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated dogs are most at risk for contracting parvo. Puppies are born with antibodies from their mothers. As these antibodies fade, however, it is up to owners to make sure that the puppies receive a course of parvo vaccinations.

The canine parvovirus causes parvo in dogs, and it can be transmitted in two ways. The first is by direct contact through the nose and mouth with infected poop, which can happen when a dog sniffs or licks a surface or another dog that has been contaminated with feces. Since puppies explore their world through smell and love to mouth things, it is easy to see how a curious puppy could contract the parvovirus. The second method of transmission is through indirect contact. The virus can survive on clothing, equipment, on human skin, and in the environment. Indirect transmission occurs when a puppy comes into contact with a contaminated person, object, or environment.

Every dog owner should know the symptoms of parvo in dogs. The most common symptoms are:
- Severe, bloody diarrhea
- Lethargy
- Anorexia
- Fever
- Vomiting
- Weight loss
- Weakness
- Depression
- Dehydration

Any or all of these symptoms merit a call to your vet.

For more in depth information please log onto www.akc.org

A quick reminder about the Potting Shed's Christmas market tomorrow (5th December) from 10am to 4pm. Our lovely volunteer Corinne will be there, helping to raise funds for the dogs and cats at the centre. On sale will be Christmas decorations, Christmas face masks, doggie Christmas stockings, collars, bandanas, cushions and lots more. There will also be dog and cat masks (for the humans, not the dogs and cats!). Another of our volunteers, Jacky, will be specially dressed for the occasion and selling KAR draw tickets - look out for her, she will be difficult to miss!! Please come along, get yourself some lovely handmade goodies and help the animals at the rescue centre at the same time!
Please help! We have a number of dogs and cats on special diets and/or supplements to assist with such issues as joint problems or sensitive tummies. These are all very expensive so we are appealing for your help to buy them for those animals that need them.

We use Metacam or Meloxidyl on some of our larger or older dogs to help their joints in cold, damp weather. Some other dogs need Gluten-free biscuits, which are 400tl for one sack.

We have some cats who require special Gastro-Intestinal or Sensitive food and others who are on Multi-vitamins to help boost their immune systems. The attached photos show what we need.

Donations can be made via our website www.kartrnc.org dropped off at our office in Karakum or at the rescue centre. If you prefer to buy the Brit food for us, then this can be purchased from Petline.

Thank you so much, the dogs and cats that need your help will be very grateful!

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NOVEMBER NEUTERING FIGURES

Well, the numbers are in, checked and verified, and we are very proud to announce that in the month of November we neutered 33 female cats, 28 male cats (61 cats in total) and performed 5 dog teeth cleaning procedures. EXCELLENT NEWS. Big thank you to everyone who helped us achieve these amazing figures. Team KAR and their amazing supporters have done it again!! Yeah!!
There is an enchanted house in the hills on the way to Ağırdağ, and when you enter the garden, there you are already greeted by the many members of the household, they have been sitting there in rain and sunshine for years but smile at you without regret; inside the house, you’ll find all kind of people who could tell you many stories, small and big people, old and young ones.

Some of them have been to exhibitions, some acting in a theatre play, where I have first met them. Two or three figures are still wet behind their ears as they are still getting ready, worked on by the talented hands of Sevcan Çerkez.

She has created here a world of her own, and I am sure, she speaks to them, what I am tempted to do myself, whenever I come visiting.
Saturday Afternoon at Bellapais in the Year of Corona 2020

By Heidi Trautmann
www.heiditrautmann.com

Tartini, Beethoven, Turina – On a Saturday Afternoon in the Year of Corona 2020.

Without music, life would be a mistake, said Nietzsche. And how right he is.

Not only for the music lovers but also for the doers, the musicians, composers, dancers, the entire music world; music is conversation, communication.

After so many months of abstinence, Bellapais opened its doors for a first concert, strictly according to the corona rules. Nihat Ağdaç, violin and Rami Sarieddine, piano, came to play for us compositions by Giuseppe Tartini (1692-1770 Italy), Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827 Germany) and Joaquin Turina (1882-1949 Spain). Unfortunately, there was no detailed programme available.

Three composers of music pieces - the concert started with the oldest - composed over the span of 200 years in three different countries, emotional and passionate. Nihat Ağdaç, violin, and Rami Sarieddine, piano, interpreted the music brilliantly. We all know Nihat Ağdaç from the Presidential Symphony Orchestra, as founder member and concert master, also of the bi-communal Cyprus Chamber Orchestra; I have also enjoyed his performance with other ensembles. Rami Sarieddine, an active performer throughout North America, Europe, Asia and the Arabian Peninsula, currently maintains an active schedule as a collaborative pianist, chamber musician and music educator. I took this information from his website, as I have not met him before; perhaps the bond between the two musicians is the love for chamber music.

As the applause would not end – I think we could have easily continued sitting and enjoying the music for another hour – we were given an encore. It was the first and last concert in Bellapais in the year of Corona 2020, Halil Kalgay said, and for us it was a bitterly needed cup of consolation.
Poets Corner

Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary

MOON MADNESS

Standing out there at night, 
Only the lonely moon in sight, 
On its journey’s nightly flight, 
Oh what powers, oh what might, 

Feel the rays come your way, 
Bringing changes for the next day, 
There’s no words I can say, 
Of the moonlight it displays, 

It draws you upwards in its beam, 
Nothing is really what it seems, 

It feels all like a strange dream, 
Not scared but still very keen, 

I start to feel its magnetic pull, 
My mind is still, like a pool, 
The head starts to feel ice cool, 
Is it the moon or am I the fool, 

I want to dance, I want to sing, 
Oh such madness, does it bring, 
My head hears bells that ring, 
Oh moon madness, yelled the King...
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Hope 4 Pets - News Update

Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 29th November
Just look at the handsome Bailey now! He is one of the 7 bypass puppies (just search bypass on H4P for their incredible story) and is going to his furever home in the UK with Lauren Harris and her family once his travel prep is completed.
Yesterday he was neutered by H4P and is now recovering chez moi and the gang with our special boy Frodo once again nurturing and fostering another baby.
Lets all wish this lovely lad a speedy recovery xxx
Melek Hoca, Gaston Kisher, Sylvia Austin.

Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 3rd December
To the individual who just dumped this kitten outside our home. Well done you. Big up you t@at !!
I have fed her intense hunger and I hope that you sleep easy as she may not see the light of dawn with all the other cats and dogs we care for in our area when they realise this poor baby was abandoned by you.

Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 1st December
Look at these lovely Cacti that have been donated to H4P by Melek Hoca’s son Mehmet Hoca and will be on sale at our Christmas Market Sunday 13th December at Grumpies from 17.00.
Thank you.

Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 3rd December
3 more lovely babies collected from their kennels, taken to the airport for measuring for their hopeful upcoming flight to the UK and returned to their kennels today.
All 3 pups are beautiful siblings rescued by H4P.
Thank you once again Bill Harrison-Croft for hanging in there for the animals and supporting my endeavours.
It has been yet again another busy one xxx
**Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 27th November**

I was going to post in the early hours of this morning when Bill Harrison-Croft my main stay, and I returned home from Ercan airport which is a 2 hour trip, but was yet again wiped out re Zak and Jake's journey to the UK then overcome with many other issues in the day of the life of... when we finally retired at 02.32 .....  
I personally rarely have time to post on FB as I do not have the time and put my efforts into doing what I do helping and rescuing animals and helping countless individuals in any way possible on a purely voluntarily basis. No expenses, no perks, no wage. Our home is always and continually open to many.  
It is true that not everything happens on FB, far from it !!  
I live in the real unseen world almost 24/7 to the detriment of my own sanity and family life.  
Recently it was said to me that "I assumed all you did was from behind my keyboard" but once witnessed the individuals views changed and were voiced. This however is in part correct because besides the keyboard aspect arranging, sorting, helping in each and any way from events, fundraising, fostering, rehoming, messaging, emailing, meeting, promoting etc etc etc which is done in part from the keyboard is a small but essential part of a day in the life of H4P.  
Unequivocally without Elizabeth Stowell who works in a similar way from the UK none of the above would have been achievable whatsoever and needs to be recognised for without her there would be no H4P. 

All said above I have however been prompted to highlight that both **Zak and Jake** who after over a year of blood, sweat and many tears, who we rescued from the Lefkosa Shelter in terrible states, where for them all hope was lost, have now landed in the UK with love, determination, stress and fundraising for these 2 lovely boys.  
If I forget someone else in my below thanks please forgive me.  
**Barbara Ball, Catherine Hayes** who have supported Jake throughout. You both have my utmost and sincere thanks and respect. Saying your goodbye to Jake was more than just emotional as we know x  
**Adele Booth** your beautiful strong soul will be a blessing to you along with the lovely Major and Coco you previously homed from us x  
To **Joanna Bartholomew, Niyazi Çelebi** and all you guys at your kennels thank you for everything you did in helping and supporting.  
To my son **Joel Harrison-Croft** you have also gone over and above with your care and impeccable concern for both these dogs and with courier services to their home in style as always x  
Last but not least thank you **Hasan Aligullu from ALG Logistics** for coming up trumps when others failed!!
ÇADER and volunteers visit Alsancak Mayor, Firat Ataser

News from Martin Marancos of ÇADER....

On 1st December 2020 we visited with volunteers, the Alsancak Mayor Mr. Fırat Ataser and talked about the activities of our association which is to protect the environment, the recycling of household wastes and awareness for training to be carried out with individuals or groups.

We talked about the recycling of garbage. Our aim is to change the way people are thinking about recycling. We should start with schools. First of all, children should be taught about the harm of throwing garbage and its harm to nature. Secondly, garbage can be separated by people and from now on they should be informed that it can be recycled by a specialist company.

If the child knows that plastic will turn into useful things, instead of polluting nature, he or she will start to think differently. As everyone knows, any change starts with a constructive idea that can be developed.

To start educating children we are looking for a teacher who is willing to cooperate and help us.

To learn more of ÇADER, visit the link shown below:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/208833896528

Readers mail……
Richard Chamberlain……

What has happened to the road surface on the back road from Catalköy to Ozanköy?

There are 3 places where either the Catalköy Highways department have dug it up and left large holes in the road or all of a sudden the road has disintegrated because of the rain we have had.

This road is very busy in the morning and late afternoon with people going to and from work and drivers have to make dangerous diversions to avoid the large holes in the road. My son-in-law split a tyre on his car when he hit the hole on a wet dark night recently causing the replacement of a new tyre at £50.

Surely Catalköy Highways department must know about the state of the road, even if they didn’t cause it. A motorcyclist could be killed if he hit the holes at night in the rain

For God’s sake, someone from the Catalköy Highways department needs to get down there and sort it out before a serious accident happens.

Beware of road damage between Ozanköy and Catalköy

BREAKING NEWS

Friday 4th December - Message from Richard Chamberlain - The road has now been repaired and Richard thanks the authorities for their action to make the road safe.
Readers mail....
From TerTunceri Erdemlier....
Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan.....

Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan held their Pre-Christmas & New Year Dinner Fundraising event to support Izmir Earthquake victims at the Merit Royal & Premium Hotel in the Maxim Royal Ball Room on Saturday, 28th of November 2020 with live music by Bikem Tunar.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to our Twin Club RC Izmir Varyant to be used to support the Izmir earthquake victims before the winter sets in.

Photos courtesy of TerTunceri Erdemlier....

PS ..... Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan would like to invite you to our Latin/Cuban fundraising event on Friday 11th December from 19.30 to 23.30 at Las Hermanas, Kyrenia.

For more information about Rotary Club of Kyrenia Cosmopolitan visit the link shown above.

https://www.facebook.com/RCKyreniaCosmopolitan
Old Girne Municipality Building turned into a Social Life Center

Girne Municipality has completed the reorganisation of the Old Girne Town Hall and transformed it into a Social Life Center.

Courses and workshops for children, young people and adults will be held in the building, which will be reopened under the name of Girne Municipality Social Life Center, affiliated to the Social Affairs Branch. The building, in which computer, sewing workshop and art workshop materials are provided by the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency, will be opened at 11:00 on 18th December 2020.

In the information given by the Girne Municipality, the Counselling Support Center and the Olive Table will also be located in the building, in addition to the courses and workshops organised by the Social Affairs Branch. The December 2020 to March 2021 Course Program, which has been prepared, has started enrolment until 15 December 2020.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü emphasised that the pandemic process that has affected the world in the last year has caused a change in the priorities of local governments, and said that the importance of production is felt more.

Güngördü stated that this process caused the feelings of love, solidarity and empathy to gain more importance, and with the move to the new building, it was decided to include the old town hall, which is located at the most important point of the city, into the social and educational life of the city.

Güngördü said, “By embracing all our people, children, youth, adults and old people, we aim to contribute to our personal and social development with various courses and activities from culture to arts, technology to sports.”

Wishing the Social Life Center, which will shed a new light on the region and is at an important point such as the market center for the development and socialisation of the society, to be beneficial, he thanked everyone who contributed to the realisation of this project, members of the assembly and staff, as well as TİKA officials for their contributions.

Giving information about the project, Girne Municipality Social Affairs Branch Chief Misli Kadıoğlu stated that they aim to enable children, young and adult generations to come together and socialise with each other, to enjoy the pleasure of producing and learning, with the program organised for all age groups at the Social Life Center. Stating that they aim to provide development opportunities for people from all walks of life in the city life with the new center to be opened, Kadıoğlu said that the Girne Municipality Information and Support Center, which was opened two years ago and provides psychological counselling and support services to the people of the city, has moved to this location.

Pointing out that the Social Affairs Branch has approximately one thousand members over the age of 65, Kadıoğlu said that the elderly people in the city will spend their time at home by producing items and socialising, and they will find an environment that will contribute to their clinging to life, through sewing, handicraft, technology and literacy courses for women. She stated that the level of participation will be supported and a course and workshop environment has been created for the education, learning and development of children, young people and adults.

Kadıoğlu stated that initially there will be a four-month program, including basic tailoring course for women, jewellery design course, technology course, patchwork, cocoon business course, interactive English beginner course, Turkish literacy course. She underlined that a chess course, English beginner course, dance course, technology course, art course for people over 65, pilates, chess course for children, English beginner course, and Turkish literacy course will be organised for young and adults.

Kadıoğlu stated that the Municipality has found social activities for disabled individuals insufficient so far, and in this context, with the move to the new service building, they established the Girne Municipality Disability Unit simultaneously with the establishment of the Girne Municipality Social Affairs Branch. Kadıoğlu underlined that they aim to open a new window to the lives of disabled people by organising this center for disabled people because they have easier access to the disabled people living in the city and they can continue their activities more effectively.

The courses will continue until March 2021, with both periodic and continuous courses and workshops suitable for all age groups, and registration can be made until 15 December 2020. For detailed information and registration, the phone number 0392 815 15 08 can be called.

Source (Turkish):
Girne Municipality
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What made me feel good this week?

**Dammit!**

I’m not sure that smile is something I have done in a week or two. It’s not that my personal life is that awful, mostly, it’s just the planet is. This place is on fire! Oh, I can hear what you’re saying: “It’s not that bad!”

OK, we’re going to have to have a little chat. I can’t really hear anything you’re saying but I can pretend, even grant myself super powers… in my mind. Santa really does have it going on. He KNOWS when you’re being bad, I only claim random voices in my head.

Where were we again? Oh yeah, life blows chunks and I’m supposed to talk about why I’m smiling in the middle of this shit-show. OK, that did make me smile.

It could be worse: I could have been in the Hospital yesterday; oh wait, I was in the hospital yesterday. Dammit… OK, then tomorrow could be like Thanksgiving in my country and I

… dammit! See, I was all happy until I started wondering what the hell I have to be all happy about.

And maybe that’s the point – Happiness comes from inside. In American English, it’s called “being happy in your own skin”. That means being content with who you are as a person – inside.

I’ve done some stuff in my life I’m not too proud of but for the most part I am happy in my own skin. I would describe myself as often childish: as in laughing at stupid stuff others would find immature. I do find pleasure in small things. Turns out you’re not supposed to stick your tongue out at people once you reach a certain age: like forty. Dammit.

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**Roger**

What made me feel good this week?

Waking up this very morning.

I don’t mean in the sense I was obviously still alive, otherwise I would simply feel good every morning I wake up. (Come to think of it I probably do), but so

especially glad to wake up this particular morning following a particularly horrible dream that seemed to last for an eternity.

I’ve had this type of dream many times in the past 30 years or so, I assume because of the sheer stress that accumulated in my working life. But despite having been retired for over eight years and lucky enough to lead one of the most unrestricted lifestyles possible, this dream returned to my brain last night to haunt me yet again.

For most of my working life I’ve been either a musician or a radio broadcaster. Often the two had to mix, usually pretty successfully, but the more hours I put in, and the less sleep I got, the more the stress piled up. Eventually, after a few decades, I conked out and had to retire.

So the dream last night went like this……First, there was a pandemic which delayed rehearsals for the annual pantomime of which I was the musical director; the musical director bit was also taken from real life. I used to choose the songs, arrange them for the various vocalists and for the chorus, and orchestrate them for the band, and conduct all the rehearsals and then perform with the band each night of the run. It took several weeks of constant hard work.

So, back to my dream. When rehearsals could begin, there was only two weeks left before the opening night. As the dream dragged on, I first of all couldn’t find any of my orchestrations, and I didn’t even remember where my musical equipment was stored, and basically, everything was going wrong. Slowly. Ever-so-slowly.

Then to top it all, my radio boss informed me that I would be presenting a virus-themed special set of important programmes, in the evening, every evening for the next two weeks. Which meant that I couldn’t attend and run the pantomime rehearsals. So no show. Or else I couldn’t present on the radio. So no job. As the pressure built up to what was always going to be a dreadful outcome, I woke up.

That made me feel so good. So very good. In fact, two hours later, and I’m still smiling at my great fortune.

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What’s made me feel good this week?

Honestly, this week was a tough one for me in terms of work intensity. I’m doing now three jobs, two of them freelance, part-time, but they still consume lots of time and resources.

Last week was like living in a mad house to me. Writing an article here, editing another one there, developing an expedition itinerary for the Himalayan club where I work as creative director now: we’re trying to develop exotic tours to such exotic destinations as Nepal, Ethiopia, Tanzania with Kilimanjaro included plus Namibia with its beautiful ocean rolling onto sandy Martian deserts …

Too much entropy around me, sending waves into the Universe… But today is Saturday and at least I had enough sleep. Just like this. I went to bed late at night yesterday and woke up today at 12:30 pm. Pretty good.

I must admit that this very thing, maybe quite a moderate one in terms of achievements or emotions, did make be feel really good this week. It is very basic, a very essential thing but you don’t want to go on without it. I’d say, you actually can’t.

So with my today’s blog being as brief as it is but this exactly small thing makes me feel fantastic now. Plus I’ve got resources to continue doing things.

P.S. : the only one thing that I miss now is that I simply have no time or probably mental ability for running in the park. Hopefully, I will work it out soon, sort out my work-life balance and continue running throughout winter!

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To read more from RUSUK the link is :

http://rusuknow.com/

ATA collection of blue bottle tops exchanged for a wheelchair

On Monday 30/11/2020 the Orthopaedic Disabled Association in Lefkosa received a wheelchair from the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus following the association’s ‘Blue Bottle Top collection campaign’ which enables old blue bottle tops to be exchanged for new wheelchairs.

Black bags full of blue bottle tops - 500Kg of blue bottle tops were handed over recently by Association Chairman Gülter Kuran (on right) to the Orthopaedic Disabled Association in Lefkosa (who exchanged the bottle tops for a wheelchair via the Bottle Top Recycling Scheme).

Güter thanked association members for all the hard work they undertook in collecting so many blue bottle tops and in particular Pearl Mitchell without whom the collection campaign wouldn’t have been so successful.

This is another example of the Anglo Turkish Association of North Cyprus helping the local community! and you can read more on their web page - link shown below.

https://angloturkishassociation.com/
Readers Mail ....
from Carole King ....

Lovely day walking yesterday 2nd December. Unfortunately not all dogs photographed but we got most. Thanks go to Mike Phillips, Heather Gordon, Adela Warrington, Val Maskell, Jennie Mitchell and Mike Bezzant, we walked 19 dogs. Amazing.

Thank you and sloppy kisses from Roxy, Blue, Karmi, Dylan, Timothy, Leyla, Frank, Tucker, Lofty, Elmo, Morris, Stuart, Cooper, Juliet, Jessica, Archie, Beverley, Katie and the little white boy lol.

It was beautiful weather for walking and all dogs were energetic and keen to go. They love it, we love it, it’s a win win.

Come join us you will love it too.
Woof Woof

https://www.facebook.com/carolewking
Readers mail ....
Sue Tilt - Tulips Help Those With Cancer Association ....

The Black Olive Christmas Fete 2020 was the first of both Tulips and Heartbeat (NCCCT) working together as a team and what a fantastic team we turned out to be. The support we had from the stall holders and customers alike was absolutely amazing with the door entrance fee (which included free entrance into our raffle), guess the name of the teddy (won by Stan Cudd who decided that we could auction it and as a result we received a further 200TL) the stall holders donations ... an incredible 7,870TL was raised.

From this we deduced the prize money of 1,000TL and divided the balance between the 2 charities who also had their own stalls and individual sales figures.

In total Tulips raised a fantastic 4,362TL.

Thank you to The Black Olive for hosting the event and asking Tulips to join the festivities; to everyone who participated, stall holders and guests alike; to Heartbeat who made great partners in this our first joint venture!
Güngördü visits Girne Special Education and Rehabilitation Centre

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü visited Girne Special Education and Rehabilitation Centre on 3rd December, World Disabled Day.

Güngördü, visited the Girne Disabled Rehabilitation Center for those over the age of 18 on the occasion of 3rd December World Disabled Day and pointed out that they are private individuals and the importance of these individuals being included in society, he noted that they continue to work for a city where disabled people are respected, and where they can roam freely and take part in social life.

The Girne Mayor chatted with the children, played games, and presented gifts to all individuals and said that every day he did not forget them and that he would do his best to offer a better life to these special individuals.

He also stated that the old municipal service building of Girne has been converted into a Social Life Centre which would open at 11.00 on 18th December and that the building was designed so that disabled citizens can participate in courses and activities, and that disabled individuals will be supported in social life and production.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said that he closely followed and appreciated the work of the Girne Rehabilitation Center, and stated as the Municipality they gave their best support to social responsibility affairs and that they are ready to support and cooperate now and in the future.

Güngördü stated that there had been difficulties because of the Covid-19 pandemic and hoped that 2021 will be a year when they will overcome all obstacles with love and unity, he added that their goal is for all individuals in Girne to benefit from all services and facilities.

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality
The Soulist Christmas Market 2020

This year is our 3rd “Soulist Christmas Market with Music“ event and it will be held on 19th and 20th of December 2020 at The Soulist in Alsancak.

There will be Gluehwein, handcrafts, food, sweets and much more available on our colourful stands.

And of course several live music performances will continue day and night!

Don’t miss this special weekend!

A big Thank You from the Gonyeli Guardian Angels

Readers mail….
Carole King……

I wonder if you would include this note of thanks in your CyprusScene publications, please.

On Wednesday 2 December 2020 The Taj Restaurant in Alsancak held a quiz in aid of Gonyeli Shelter and Street Dogs.

Stanley John Cudd organised and ran the quiz and raised an amazing 1,700TL on the night.

Many thanks to all who supported the event, Joanna Leigh for her help, the Taj for hosting the evening, and Stan for being a superstar.

The Gonyeli Guardian Angels

For more information visit their Facebook page as follows

https://www.facebook.com/groups/2416756741729841
One-Way traffic system to be trialled for 30 days in Girne

Girne Municipality will try the one-way traffic application by the Girne Municipality Traffic Commission for 30 days starting from Monday, 7th December in order to solve the traffic problem in the region.

According to the information received from Girne Municipality; It has been indicated that the road in the direction of West-East will be used in one direction in the section up to the intersection of Salih Kanat Street and Ömer Sami Coşar Street in the district of the Governorship, Land Registry Office and Revenue and Tax Office, which is connected to the Upper Girne District. In addition, it was stated that Atom Street to the east of the relevant public offices, South-North direction will be used in one direction and parking facilities will be created along one direction of both streets. It was noted that the One Way application will start on Monday, 7th December 2020 and will be tested for 30 days.

Girne Municipality Mayor Nidai Güngördü made a statement on the issue expressing that they are aware of the intensity in the region, he stated that they made a decision in order to solve the traffic problem in the area and not to negatively affect the lives of the people living in the district governorship. Güngördü decided to try this decision for 30 days, in cooperation with Girne Municipality and Girne District Governorship, to test the decision taken by the Girne Municipality Traffic Commission.

It is requested that the traffic signs and signals for our citizens living in the region, and those who will receive service from the relevant departments, are followed.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality
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(For best dressed)
Forthcoming Events

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Kyrenia Weather : 8-day Forecast
(from 5th to 12th December 2020)

SPORTS QUIZ ANSWERS

Here are the answers to the Sports Quiz on page 27

1. Marine is in Crosby in Merseyside.
2. Dawid Malan
3. Henry Slade, Mako Vunipola
4. 44
5. Jenson Button
6. Ross County
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